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SUBJ: POSSIBLE SALE OF BOEING 737'S AND 707'S

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1. E/C OFFICER HAS LEARNED THAT HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS
OF AIR NIUGINI WOULD PREFER TO BUY BOEING 737 RATHER
THAN F-28'S TO REPLACE CURRENT FLEET OF F-27 AIRCRAFT.
DIFFICULTY IS THAT CURRENT AUSTRALIAN AND THEREFORE PAPUA
NEW GUINEA RUNWAY SPECIFICATIONS REQUIRE 150-FOOT WIDTH
FOR 737'S. PNG RUNWAYS ARE IN GENERAL 100 FEET WIDE.
COST OF CONVERSION IS ESTIMATED AT US \$12 MILLION. COST
OF CONVERSION OF RUNWAYS TO F-28'S IS US \$1 MILLION.
BOEING IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID IN ITS SPECIFICATIONS
FOR THE 737 THAT 100AFOOT WIDE RUNWAY IS SAFE AND SUFFICIENT
FOR BOEING 737, BUT AT THIS POINT PNG STILL FOLLOWS AUSTRALIAN
LEAD IN REGULATIONS OF THIS TYPE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
INFO ON US RUNWAY REGULATIONS FOR 737. DEPT MIGHT WISH TO PASS
THIS INFO ON TO BOEING. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW IF BOEING HAS
ALREADY APPROACHED AIR NIUGINI, BUT IT SHOULD.

- 2. REGARDING SALE OF BOEING 707
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OFFICER UNDERSTANDS THAT THEE IS SERIOUS UNSPECIFIED DISAGREEMENT AMONG HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF AIR NIUGINI WHICH IS PREVENTING ITS PURCHASE AT THE MOMENT. MOST LIKELY SELLER IS STILL QANTAS. SEVERAL U.S. FIRMS HAVE SENT CABLES OF INQUIRY AND OFFERS OF 707'S TO AIR NIUGINI, BUT EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHICH FIRMS, SINCE ONLY OVERSEAS NATIONAL AIRWAYS HAS BOTHERED TO NOTIFY EMBASSY. EMBASSY

STILL BELIEVES U.S. SUPPLIERS HAVE A CHANCE FOR 707 SALE, BUT TIME HAS NOW COME FOR A VISIT BY OFFICIALS OF SAID SUPPLIERS TO PNG. EMBASSY WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP COORDINATE SUCH VISITS AND SET UP APPOINTMENTS IF AIRLINES' SALESMEN WISH TO COME.

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